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SUBJECT : FRIA TRAIN COLLISION

1. THIRTY PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NINE SERIOUSLY INJURED AT 0845 ON APRIL 9 IN HEAD- ON COLLISION NEAR GUEKEDOU BETWEEN TWO TRAINS BOTH BELONGING TO FRIA. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF GUINEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS SENT SPECIAL MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO INVESTIGATE THE ACCIDENT.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE OF RANKING GUINEAN OFFICIALS OF FRIA (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION REQUIRED) ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO FAILURE OF SWITCHMAN TO HAVE TRAIN ENGINEER WAIT FOR PERSONNEL CARRIER TO PASS AT SIDING. TRAIN, WHICH WAS COMING FROM CONAKRY, WAS FILLED WITH SUPPLIES AND BEING PULLED BY THREE LOCOMOTIVES. CRASH OCCURRED ON CURVE, WHICH OBSTRUCTED VIEW OF ENGINEERS, AND WHILE TRAIN ON DOWNHILL INCLINE. CASUALTIES WERE ALL ABOARD PERSONNEL CARRIER.

3. ACCORDING SAME SOURCE, FRIA HAS TOTAL OF FIVE LOCOMOTIVES THREE OF WHICH NORMALLY IN OPERATION WHILE TWO ARE IN SHOP FOR MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS. THREE LOCOMOTIVES INVOLVED IN COLLISION WERE ALL DAMAGED AND REPRESENTED TOTAL OPERATING FORCE AT TIME. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO CLEAR TRACK, REPAIR LOCOMOTIVES AND
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